

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, On rollcall No. 763, I was unavoidably absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 764, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 765, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 766, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 767, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 768, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 769, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 770, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 771, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 772, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 773, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 774, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 775, I would have voted "present." On rollcall No. 776, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 777, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 778, I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF UNIVERSITY OF
HOUSTON SCIENCE AND PHYSICS
PROGRAMS

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I introduce a new opportunity for future physicists in Southeast region of Texas. In a collaborative effort, the University of Houston and University of Houston—Clear Lake (UHCL) are implementing a unique program for UHCL students pursuing a Masters of Science in Physics, who wish to continue in the University of Houston's Ph.D. Program.

The program is tailored towards motivated students looking to advance their education in the field of physics. This newly established relationship offers the attainment of a doctoral degree at both campuses, as opposed to the previous arrangement that required students to commute to the University of Houston campus. The faculty will consist of professors from both universities, and the doctoral degree will be presented by the University of Houston.

As a former science teacher, I have always valued education and research, and the potential benefits that arise from such hard work and dedication. This convenient initiative will not only enhance each student's performance, but will also mitigate the strains placed on students, teachers and their families by providing a more localized system in the Clear Lake area.

It is my belief that educational facilities should ensure that the needs of their students are a top priority. University of Houston—Clear Lake and University of Houston have shown that a cohesive approach to education may prove to be both efficient and successful. I hope this recognition will bring awareness to such a distinctive program and facilitate future relationships between universities.

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HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, on July 31, 2007, I was unavoidably absent from the Capitol. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 778, to sustain the ruling of the Chair of the Committee of the Whole in her ruling against Mr. SHADEGG of Arizona during debate on the McHenry Amendment to the Gingrey Amendment to H.R. 3161, the Agriculture Appropriations Bill.

I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 779, the Motion by the Majority Leader for the Committee of the Whole House to Rise from its consideration of H.R. 3161, the Agriculture Appropriations Bill.

HONORING DR. NELSON ADAMS:
PRESIDENT, NATIONAL MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to offer my congratulations to Dr. Nelson Adams. On August 7, 2007, Dr. Nelson Adams will be installed as the 108th president of the 112-year-old National Medical Association during their annual convention and scientific assembly in Honolulu, Hawaii. The National Medical Association (NMA) promotes the collective interests of physicians and patients of African descent by serving as the collective voice of physicians of African descent and as a leading force for parity in medicine, elimination of health disparities, and promotion of optimal health. Dr. Adams is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Honorary Doctor of Laws, but to me his most important accomplishment is that he was the doctor who delivered my son Kendrick Meek, Jr.

Dr. Adams, a native of Miami, Florida and a product of its public school system, is a medical leader passionately committed to eliminating racial and ethnic inequality in health. He is regarded as an exceptional achiever, earning high recognition both scholastically and among medical peers. An esteemed alumnus of Howard University, Dr. Adams has been recognized in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He earned his medical degree at Meharry Medical College, where he was named Student of the Year in his freshman class and served as President of the Meharry Chapter of the Student NMA. Dr. Adams completed his four-year residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Emory University in 1982. Prior to returning home to Miami, Dr. Adams practiced in Mobile, Alabama for three years, where he was a founding member of the Bay Area Medical Association, an affiliate society of the NMA.

A board certified obstetrician-gynecologist, Dr. Adams has a vibrant and challenging practice in North Miami-Dade County. He was the first African-American Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the first African-American Chief of Staff of North

Shore Medical Center. In 1992, he founded the Maternal Child Health Initiative (MCHI), an award-winning model for providing care to at-risk, low-income, pregnant women.

Today, Dr. Adams is the Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Jackson North Medical Center and President of N.L. Adams, M.D. and Associates. He is also President and Chairman of Access Health Solutions (AHS), a managed care company providing services in 26 counties in Florida. Under Dr. Adams' leadership and through his keen focus on both access and quality, AHS has grown from humble beginnings to serving more than 94,000 beneficiaries with 525 healthcare providers.

Throughout his fruitful career, Dr. Adams' leadership and community service has reached across academic, religious, fraternal, and charity institutions. He is the past Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Greater Miami Region of the National Conference of Christian and Jews, a member of the prestigious Orange Bowl Committee, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Florida International University Foundation, Meharry Medical College, Barry University, The Children's Trust and until recently, the Miami Art Museum.

I am also proud to report that Dr. Adams and I are Members of the same fraternity, which we both consider the best fraternity in the country—Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Additionally, he is a beloved and active member of the historic St. John Baptist Church where he serves as a Deacon and Chairman of the Board of the church's Community Development Corporation. Dr. Adams has held many positions of leadership in organized medicine at the local, state and national levels. He is the past President of the local and state NMA societies in Florida and has served as Vice President, Secretary of the House of Delegates, and member of the Board of Trustees of the NMA.

Dr. Adams has served on the board of directors of the DCMA for nearly 10 years, and is the past Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President, and President-elect of this august body. In June 2007 he was installed as the 97th President of the Dade County Medical Association. Dr. Adams is the son of Naomi A. Adams and the late Nelson L. Adams, both of whom were educators in the Dade County School system. Dr. Adams is married to Effie Jones Adams and they are the proud parents of Victoria and Nelson. Sustained by family ties and guided by spiritual values, Dr. Adams abides by the motto: "To whom much is given, much is required."

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HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I would like to call attention to a letter that I and my colleagues received this week from the professional and collegiate sports associations. It alerts us to the fact that, at this time when the reputation and integrity of American athletics are keenly threatened by gambling-related scandals, proposals to legalize and sanction